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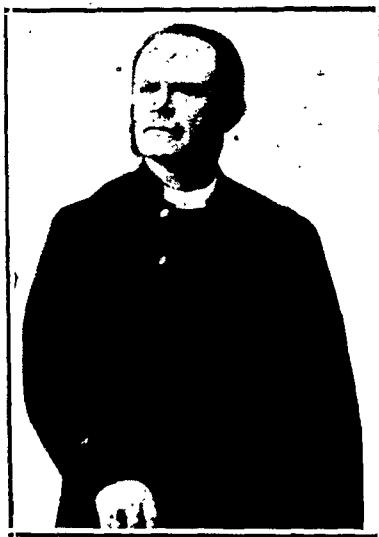
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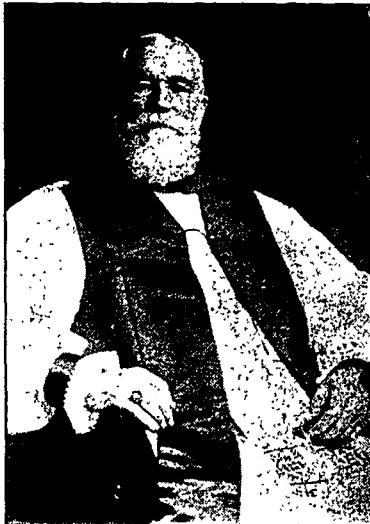
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*The story of the establishment
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in 1875 and its subsequent history;
prepared on the occasion of
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FOREWORD

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 HIS little booklet has been prepared to give our people the story of how the Church was planted in Edmonton sixty years ago. For many of us it is an interesting account of difficulties overcome, and so provides inspiration for the work which lies ahead.

Sixty years is a long time in the history of the West, but very short in the general scheme of things; yet, during that short time traditions have been established and foundations laid worthy of the Church.

The Anglican Church in this Dominion has its peculiar difficulties. To succeed, it must seek to enshrine the religious aspiration of the Canadian spirit. To help us, we have the splendid history of the Church in the Motherland. She has borne her witness through the centuries. We inherit these traditions, but must not be hampered by them in facing the changing conditions in a new land. The best evidence that we are all true sons of our Mother is to face the problem of the present with her indomitable spirit. The future will show whether we have been worthy sons.

It has been my privilege to be your Rector for seventeen years, and during that time you have shown your true spirit in many ways. It has been a time of testing for all of us. You have stood the test well; your loyalty never wavered even when things looked very black. May God continue to bless you and yours as you seek to follow the steps of those who laid the foundations upon which you must build.

"O God to us may grace be given
To follow in their train."

E. PIERCE GOULDING,

Rector.



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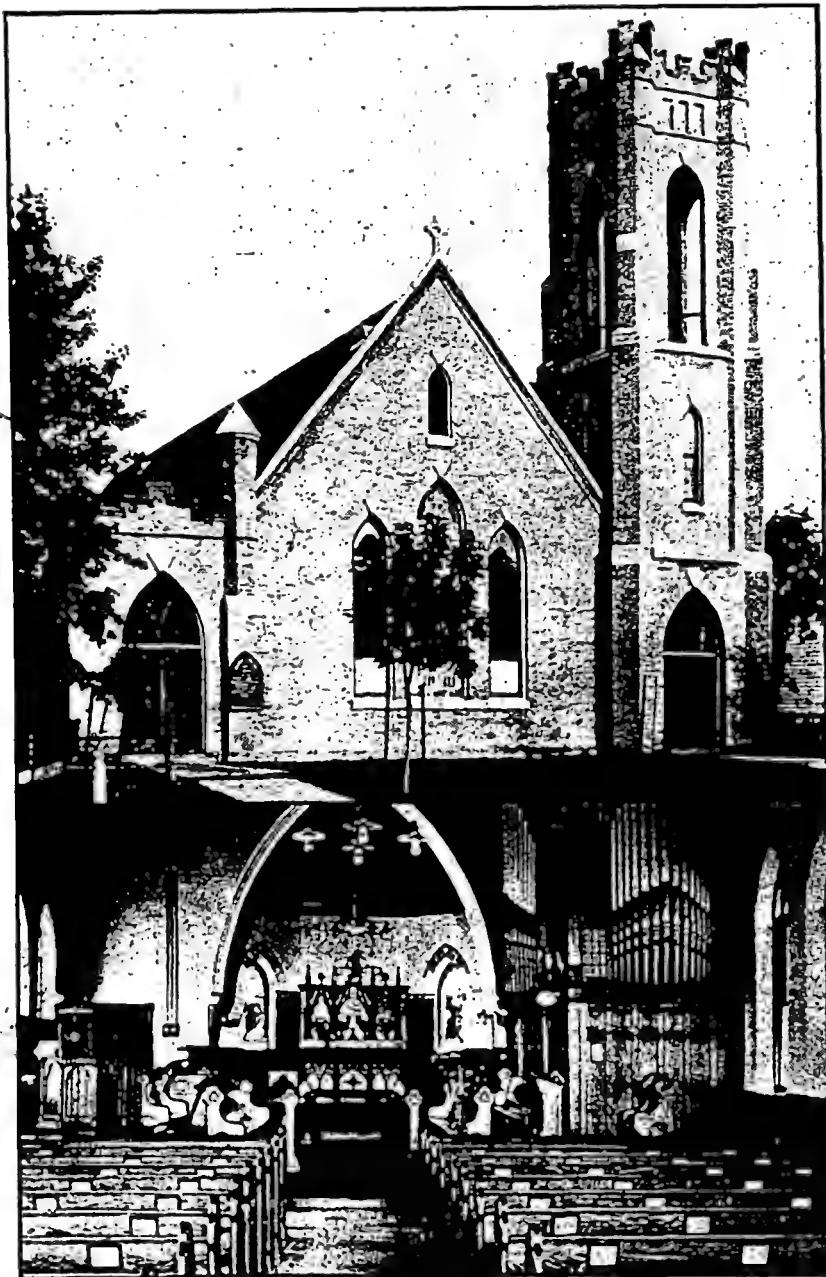
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THE REV. CANON E. PIERCE-GOULDING, B.A., L.Th.

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THE EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR OF THE PRO-CATHEDRAL OF ALL SAINTS

Destroyed by Fire, December 22nd, 1918

HISTORY OF THE PRO-CATHEDRAL OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON

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By CANON E. PIERCE GOULDING

THE history of the Church in North-west Canada has particular interest for the Parish of All Saints because of its honor in being the first church of the Anglican Communion erected in what is now the Province of Alberta.

The beginning of this work is naturally associated with the life and labour of John McLean, who was consecrated first Bishop of Saskatchewan at Lambeth Parish Church on May 3rd, 1874. Bishop McLean was born in Scotland, educated at the University of Kings' College, Aberdeen, ordained by Bishop Cronyn, the first Bishop of Huron, on August 1st, 1858, and appointed curate of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Ontario.

Bishop Machray of Rupert's Land, later Archbishop and Primate of all Canada, who had the happy faculty of choosing good men, invited McLean to the rectorship of St. John's Cathedral, Winnipeg, where he also undertook the wardenship of the College and was appointed Archdeacon of Assiniboia. He became Bishop Machray's right-hand-man, and when the time came for the appointment of a Bishop for Saskatchewan he was obviously the man to undertake this important work.

The territory over which he had episcopal oversight comprised about seven hundred thousand square miles. He described it as "Bounded on the east by the province of Manitoba, on the west by the province of British Columbia at the summit of the Rocky Mountains, on the south by the international boundary line between Canada and the United States, and on the north by the aurora borealis and world without end!"

There were no endowments, no missionaries, no churches, and everything had to be begun as far as the Church of England was concerned. To Bishop McLean, difficulties were looked upon simply as things to be overcome, incentives to redoubled effort. In speaking of his first synod of the difficulties and disadvantages under which the diocese laboured owing to lack of endowments, he said: "We are left to grapple as best we may with the difficulties of our position. We must not, however, be discouraged, but rather stimulated to increased exertions by the disadvantages under which we labour." His labours to raise these endowments were so successful that on one occasion when the Archbishop of Canterbury was introducing him to a missionary meeting, he said, "I am never certain about the way to pronounce the name of

his diocese, so perhaps the best I can do is to introduce him to you as 'Jack, Catch What You Can'."

Bishop McLean was a man of great vision, and at a time when many considered the country not worth building a railway through, as it would not yield sufficient revenue to pay for the grease required to keep the wheels moving, the Bishop prophesied a time when villages, towns and cities would cover the land.

With such a vision before him, he planned and worked for the future, and not the least of his accomplishments was the establishment of Emmanuel College in Prince Albert, which was given the status of University by Royal Charter. This college prepared many men for the ministry in those days, and later, when moved to Saskatoon after the State University was founded there, became one of the largest theological colleges in the Anglican Communion in the Dominion of Canada. This phase is intimately associated with the work of Archdeacon Lloyd, to whose vision and virility the church in the West owes much.

When Bishop McLean returned to Canada after his consecration, he met the Provincial Synod of the Church of England in session at Montreal, and appealed for two clergymen to serve as missionaries. As a result of this appeal the Rev. William Newton volunteered for this work and became the first Anglican clergyman in the district surrounding Fort Edmonton.

Fort Edmonton was established by the Northwest Company in 1778, and early in the nineteenth century became also the headquarters of the Hudson Bay Company. Later, when the two companies were united it acquired new importance and became the centre for the North-West. Many of the company's servants, both Scotch and French, took up land. The Fort became also the trading centre for Indians who roamed as far south as the forty-ninth parallel and as far north as Lake Athabasca.

The Rev. William Newton left Ontario in the spring of 1875, travelling up the Great Lakes as far as Prince Arthur landing, and overland from there to Edmonton. The journey from Ontario took five months, and Fort Edmonton was reached on September 28th, 1875. When he arrived he found very few residents, and these were nearly all servants of the Hudson's Bay Company. Nine miles from the Fort were the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church, and within sight of the Fort was a Methodist Chapel and a parsonage. He described his feelings in his book, "Twenty Years on the Saskatchewan,"—"I was far from civilization and, with only one or two posts in the year to bring me letters. I had at

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THE WILLING WORKERS

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By MRS. V. W. BARFORD

THE Willing Workers was formed on April 25th, 1888, when the ladies of the Church of England in Edmonton met at the home of Mrs. H. C. Wilson to form an Aid Society. The object of this Society was to assist in any Parish work and to guarantee for that year two hundred dollars toward the salary of a new clergyman.

The first President was Mrs. Frank Wilson, and from then until its amalgamation in 1934, the Willing Workers took a very active part in all social and financial activities of All Saints Parish.

Money was raised by subscriptions of the members, (which at one time numbered over one hundred), by annual sales of work and home cooking, teas, garden parties, luncheons, and suppers. As early as 1899 skating carnivals were held and continued practically every winter until 1911, and were always a most successful way of adding to the funds.

When the Church was enlarged the Willing Workers made themselves responsible for a Pipe Organ.

The old organ previously in use was pumped by hand, and some may remember that the organ blower occasionally dozed during the sermon, with the result that there was no air to play the following "Amen" unless one of the choir glanced around to see if he was awake, and if not gave him a poke.

The first motor for the new organ was operated by water power, but this sometimes failed at critical moments; the middle of an anthem, the beginning of a hymn, and the choir and congregation got practice in unaccompanied singing. So the Willing Workers installed an electric motor.

When the Church was burned in 1919, the organ of course was destroyed, and was replaced by the Willing Workers.

The original caretaker's cottage was built by the Willing Workers. Lending money to school teachers, homesteaders, paying the interest on the mortgage of the Church property for several years, paying the taxes and arrears one year, redecorating the Rectory, assisting with the salary of trained women workers in the Parish, were some of the other financial obligations undertaken.

Holding receptions, visiting the hospitals, doing social work, and making calls, were the ways the Society endeav-

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THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF "ALL SAINTS"

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF ALL SAINTS WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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By MRS. W. H. CLARK

ALL Saints branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was organized by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Gray in 1904, Mrs. Wolff being the first President.

As all the minute books previous to 1914 were burned in the fire of 1919, we have to depend on memory for our information. Money was raised for missionary pledges and sent to the Calgary Diocesan Board, as we were then a part of that Diocese. Under the Dorcas Dept. some clothing was sent to an Indian child in one of the Indian Residential Schools in the south.

By 1908 the W.A. was well established, and in that year a miscellaneous bale containing one hundred articles of clothing, mostly new, was sent to the Wabisca Indian Residential School. From that year onward a complete outfit for an Indian child has been sent out to a school, and for many years we supported a child at a cost of \$50.00 per year.

As the membership increased, more work was undertaken, a larger pledge assumed for work abroad as well as at home, and a considerable amount of relief work done in the Parish and frequently outside of it.

The erection of the Diocese of Edmonton opened up fresh avenues of work for all the Auxiliaries. Over four thousand dollars was raised for the Bishopric Endowment Fund by the women of the Diocese. Of this sum All Saints W.A. contributed each year the amount asked of them until the fund was completed.

Financial assistance has been given the Vestry, furnishings provided for Church and Parish House, and help given the Willing Workers towards the payment of the organ in the new Church. Over a period of years \$1,500.00 was contributed towards the interest on the mortgage of the new Parish Hall.

During the years of the war, comforts and Christmas gifts were sent to the men of All Saints congregation at the front. Contributions in money were given to purchase private Communion Sets for the Chaplains of the 49th, 66th, and the 138th Battalions.

The first lady to receive Life Membership in the Diocesan Board was Mrs. Gray, mother of our first Bishop, in 1908.

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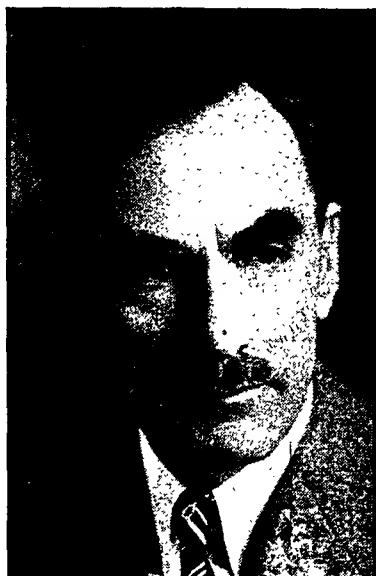
THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

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By VERNON W. BARFORD

IT has not been easy to find out much about the choir of All Saints or its Choir-masters and Organists in the earlier years of the Church, although in some of Canon Newton's correspondence there are references to the work of a choir.

Probably the most capable leader in the early days was A. G. Randall, who, later on, forsook All Saints for First



VERNON W. BARFORD

As choir-masters are to be found the names of Tom Lines, who will be remembered by so many old-timers as the manager of the Brackman and Ker Milling Co. and, for a short period, Leslie Foote, who was a member of the Imperial Bank Staff.

The only organist who seems to have stuck to the work for any length of time was Miss Ann McLeod (now Mrs. F. C. Jamieson), who presided at the quite large reed-organ from the summer of 1897 until the close of 1899. One might mention that Mrs. Gray, mother of Bishop Gray, frequently took duty during her son's early years as Rector.

In January, 1900, Vernon Barford was brought from the Pro-Cathedral of Qu'Appelle to take charge of the music at All Saints, finding a small choir of sixteen voices, contain-

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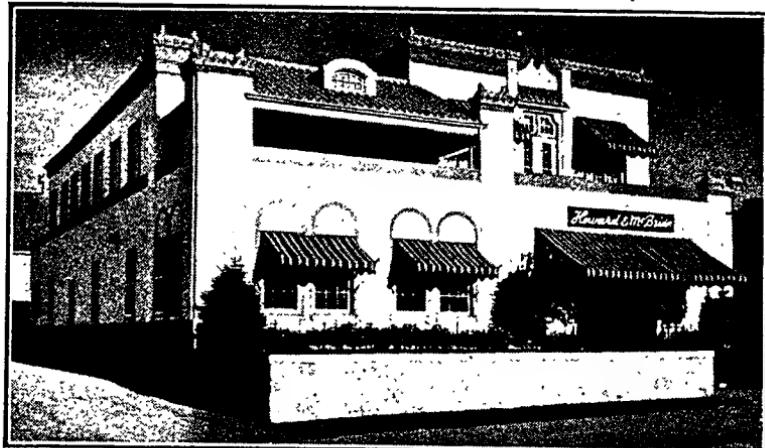
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In loving memory of JOHN V. and ALFRED MAINMAN, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mainman, and for seven years faithful workers in this Parish, who with their parents lost their lives in the Lusitania disaster, May 7th, 1915. Erected by friends.

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To the dear memory of DAVID GILES AYSCOUGH, Canadian Infantry, who died of wounds at Wimereux, September 7th, 1916. Aged 24 years.

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To the glory of God and in loving memory of CHARLES GRANT ROBSON, departed this life 16th July, 1931. The lights of this Church were presented by members of the family.

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OAK REREDOS—

In memory of the men of the Congregation who gave up their lives during the Great War. Erected by members of the Congregation.

MEMORIAL ALTAR—

To the glory of God and in memory of Edward Corrigan Emery, K.C., First Registrar Diocese of Edmonton, who died on February 13th, 1924. This altar was given by the members of his family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WAR MEMORIAL—

In memory of former members of All Saints Sunday School: Lieut. V. C. Manuel, D.S.C., Lieut. J. G. Manuel, D.S.C., Lieut. C. Wilson, Lieut. R. Wilkins, Lieut. L. Jellett, Lieut. R. Barnes, Corp. H. Gold, Sgt. A. Donald, Corp. J. Daynes, Pte. C. Rose, Pte. R. Gaetz, Pte. H. Robins, Pte. P. Meager.

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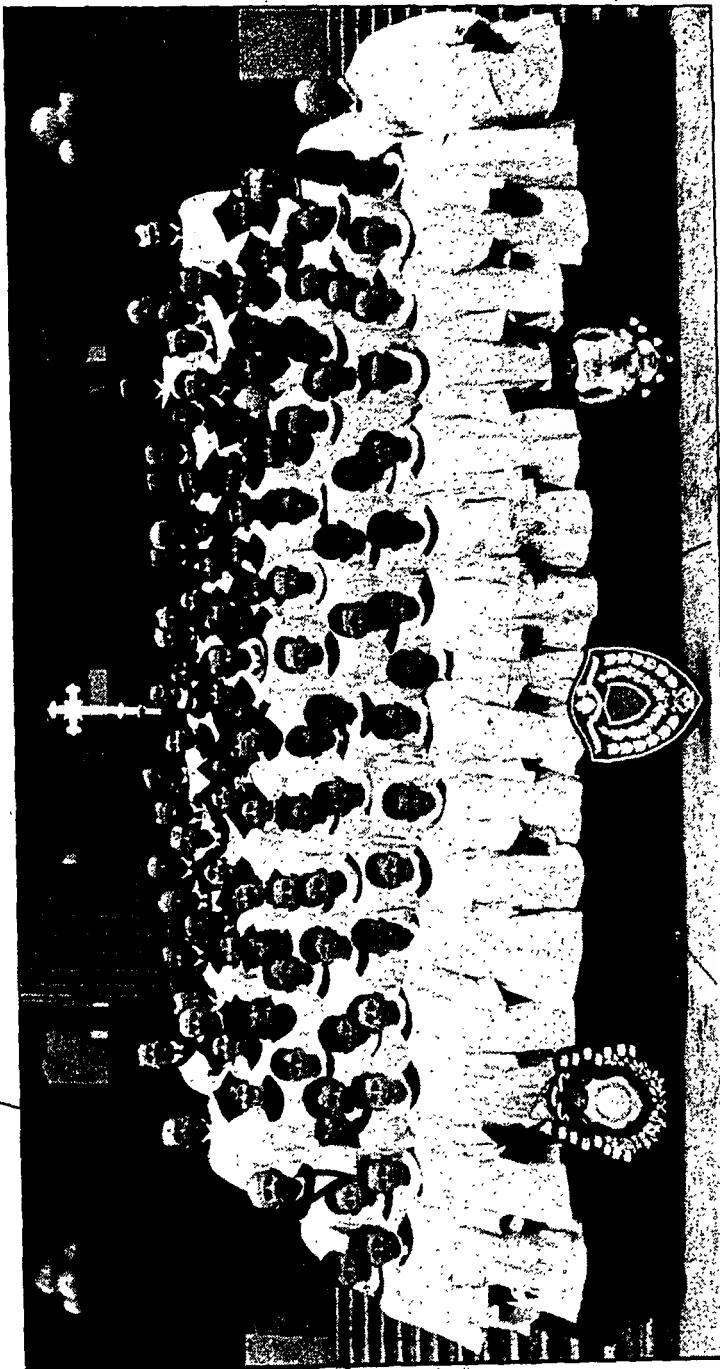
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HISTORY OF THE PRO-CATHEDRAL OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON

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hand a tent, a surplice, a prayer book and a Bible. There was no parsonage, no church, nor any means for building either. I had been sent as a missionary to settlers, but where were they? Beyond the mission stations even a potato patch was seldom to be seen, and a farm never."

His next problem was to secure a building for church services. The only place available was an unfinished house which he fitted up as a church and dwelling house. He was fortunate enough to obtain a small cooking stove at the Fort which, with the pipes cost \$100. Living expenses were also very high; flour costing \$20 to \$30 a hundred pounds, whilst coal, oil, or candles could not be had at any price. He was unable to purchase any property near the Fort, and chose a piece of land some distance away which he later called the "Hermitage." He took up his permanent residence here in the middle of December, 1876. The "Hermitage" was situated on the North Saskatchewan River about seven miles from the present City of Edmonton.

In the meantime the settlement grew and a small church became absolutely necessary. The Bishop visited the Edmonton district in the winter of 1876, and a committee of local men was formed for the purpose of building. Months passed and nothing more was done. The whole committee subscribed about \$30.00 towards the erection of the church, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel made a grant of \$200, and the work was commenced in 1877; All Saints first church being built by Mr. John Walter on a site now known as the corner of 121st St. and Victoria Ave. The cost of putting up the church, outside the lumber, was \$300, the total cost being about \$2,000; the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel later on making up the balance necessary to complete the church. At the place where the church was built five acres was allowed by Mr. Malcolm Groat from his claim for the sum of \$5.00; these five acres afterwards became nine when the survey took place, and this property extended from half way below the brow of the hill up to Stony Plain Road along the West side of 121st Street.

Writing to S.P.G. under date of June 25th, 1882, Mr. Newton said, "This year will be memorable to me as the period when we are clear of debt on All Saints, Edmonton. This church cost about \$2,500.00 besides free labour. It was such an undertaking that we had to hunt up anybody on the plains who had the remotest idea of making a church door or window, and although the little church is modest enough, it looks

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pretty to some of us, transformed by the trouble and self-sacrifice it has cost."

In a letter from the Bishop, dated the 12th November, 1880, he gives an account of a visitation made in the Edmonton district which was apparently made under great difficulties. He records the road between Victoria and Edmonton was the very worst he had seen in the country, with no bridges across the creeks, and Dr. Newton nearly lost his life in crossing one of these creeks during high water. His carriage was upset by the force of the current, and he himself washed down the stream some distance before his man could rescue him. During this visitation the Bishop held his first Confirmation at All Saints Church. He tells us that some of the candidates were absent from the settlement, so that only seven were confirmed, but that he went back by Victoria and held a second Confirmation there, confirming five, making in all twelve.

The Bishop also mentions the fact that Dr. Newton had given a great deal of time and attention to the Indians around Edmonton, and proposed that he should take charge of the Fort McLeod Indian Missions in the spring, and that a younger man be appointed to Edmonton. Dr. Newton agreed to the proposal and the Bishop told him that he would mark his sense of his zeal and self-denial on behalf of the Indians by promoting him to the dignity of a Canon.

On a visitation made to Edmonton in 1883, the Bishop tells us that on reaching the Fort he called the church people together to a business meeting. He records as follows: "As All Saints Church is a mile from the town, I organized a second congregation by the election of a vestry. I obtained the use of the public school from the trustees, and arranged that Dr. Newton should in future hold service in the church on Sunday morning and in the town school house in the evening. A committee was also formed to endeavor to raise a salary for Dr. Newton. During this visit twelve persons were confirmed."

Dr. Newton endeavored to carry out the Bishop's suggestion to the best of his ability, and a little later a choir was organized and an organ bought. This service, however, did not prove very successful, and financial difficulties made it impossible to carry on. However, two ladies of All Saints collected sufficient funds to clear the organ from debt and to settle dues for rent. The organ was taken to All Saints Church until the east end people required it, and there was paid back to an organ fund at All Saints the amount received from these ladies.

In a report for the quarter ending Christmas, 1884, Canon Newton mentions the fact that until lately he had no organ at All Saints, and no one to manage a choir, but he continues: "Now we have a good organ paid for and a young

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gentleman from the Mother Country gives his services and makes himself very useful in helping us to render our common chants and hymns more worthily. A large number of our people had been trained to sing in the manner of the Orkney Islands, and it has required the patient management of years to change their ideas of music so as to make our church music acceptable to their sense of devotion. In this matter we have much improved without jarring the feelings of the people, and we hope to hasten slowly in this direction."

He appears to have had some difficulty even in hastening slowly. In 1885 an Indian uprising denuded the Fort of all its male population, and he reports in connection with the music of the church: "This musical part of the service is here, as everywhere, one of the trials of life. This quarter has seen our little choir quite broken up. Near the Church we had for a time a family settled from Manitoba, the children, three of them, had unusually nice voices. We trained them with great care and without stint of labour, and became quite proud of our little choir when, lo! as soon as the plains were under the control of troops and they could manage the journey they fled away from us, where they had less chance of being scalped, and left us almost desolate to begin again the same thankless task and almost certain of the same result."

He built upon surer foundations than he knew, however, for the choir at All Saints was to become known as one of the best in Western Canada, and these three children the forerunners of a boys' choir some forty strong.

In the autumn, after the rebellion referred to, a synod was held at Prince Albert, after which Bishop McLean started a long visitation of the diocese. He left home on Monday, August 16th, and arrived at Edmonton in September and held a Confirmation at All Saints Church. Not feeling well, he started on his return journey on Monday, September 6th. Unfortunately, on going down the hill near the Fort, his wagon was upset, and he had to return to Edmonton where he was under medical care for three weeks. He was advised not to undertake the journey home in a wagon, and he had a large skiff built by the Hudson's Bay Company with the stern part covered with a canvass like a tent. Two men were engaged to conduct it to Prince Albert, a distance of 600 miles by water. On the journey the Bishop got steadily worse, and it was feared that he would not live until he reached Prince Albert. He did get back, but he was too much weakened by the hardships of the journey and entered into rest on November 7th, 1886.

He is buried outside the chancel window in St. Mary's Cemetery, and his monument bears the following inscription:

"Entered into the rest of Paradise, November 7th, 1886,
John McLean, the first Bishop of Saskatchewan, in his
58th year."

"I Believe in the Communion of Saints."

So passed the pioneer Bishop of this vast Diocese, which was eventually to be subdivided into four, as the country filled up with new settlers as he had prophesied.

In 1887 the Rev. W. Cyprian Pinkham was consecrated second Bishop of Saskatchewan at Holy Trinity Church, Winnipeg. The following year the diocese of Calgary was formed, and he administered both dioceses until 1903, when the endowment for Calgary was completed and he took over that diocese. He was succeeded in Saskatchewan by the Right Rev. Jervois Newnham who, for ten years, had been Bishop of Moosonee.

In August, 1891, it was found advisable to move All Saints Church from 121st Street to the Northwest corner of what is now known as 106th Street and 99th Avenue.

Early in 1891 the Rev. Charles Cunningham was ordained Deacon and was placed in charge of the Parish. Canon Newton continued to live at the Hermitage where he conducted services, as well as at other points such as Poplar Lake, Fort Saskatchewan, etc.

Mr. Cunningham resigned his charge in 1893, and was succeeded by the Rev. Alfred Stundén.

From now on there was a steady growth for several years in the size and importance of Edmonton. It was therefore found necessary to provide a larger church. The present site at 103rd Street was purchased in 1895, and the foundation of the new church was laid on August 26th, 1895. The new church was opened for service January 6th, 1896. In order to help build this church the three lots at the corner of 106th Street were sold for \$500.00, and the nine acres of the original site for \$300.00, the old church realized \$50.00, and the balance was raised by local subscription.

The Rev. Alfred Stundén resigned early in 1897 and the Rev. Henry Allen Gray was appointed in March, 1897, and took charge the Sunday before Easter. In this year, also, a bell was presented to the church by a Mr. Horace Petter; a belfry was built and the bell hung the end of May, 1897. This bell is still in use, having escaped destruction in the fire of 1919.

During the incumbency of the Rev. H. A. Gray, who later was appointed Archdeacon, the work gradually grew in importance, and in 1899 a Parish Hall was built to take care of the Sunday School and other organizations. The Hall was opened on the 18th of January, 1900, and was later enlarged.

In this year the present choir-master, Mr. Vernon Barford, was appointed. He therefore completes 35 years of service this year, and has been most successful in establishing and maintaining a high standard of church music. In recognition of his services to music in the City and Province, the University of Alberta conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts.

In 1905 it was found necessary to enlarge the church, at a cost of \$12,000.00, and an organ was installed at a cost of \$4,000.00.

The Rev. George A. Webb was appointed Associate Rector in 1909, and when Archdeacon Gray was consecrated Bishop of Edmonton on the 25th March, 1914, succeeded him as Rector of the Parish, and was later appointed Archdeacon.

Edmonton, like most of the Western cities, experienced what are called in the West "boom periods." The population grew apace and building of every kind was the order of the day. This lasted for about five years and was followed by the inevitable slump. The church could not fail to be influenced by the boom period and larger building programmes were discussed. No less than three proposed plans were considered by All Saints. Further real estate was purchased for the new building, and the old site was to be sold for a fancy figure as it was within the down-town section. Before the actual work was started, however, the boom broke and the parish was left with both sites, and an increased liability.

During all this period Archdeacon Gray carried on the work. He was particularly successful with young people. He was the first to start a Boys' Brigade, which later was to become the first Boy Scout Troop in the city. Young and old loved him, and he was one of the city's well-known figures. His appointment as first Bishop of Edmonton was a popular one, and, when he resigned owing to ill health, to reside in England, his going was felt keenly by all sections of the population, no matter what church they professed.

In 1914 All Saints was made the Pro-Cathedral of the new Diocese, by the Bishop, and, with the appointment of Archdeacon Webb as Rector, started a new phase in its history. Dr. Webb was a careful administrator, keenly alive to the value of religious education, and he made his influence felt in the Sunday School, which was most efficiently conducted. Many of our present parishioners owe a great deal to the training they received at this time.

When Archdeacon Webb resigned in 1918, a call was extended to the Reverend E. Pierce-Goulding, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Fort William. The call was accepted and he took charge in September, 1918. It was by this time apparent that steps must be taken to take care of the growing organ-

izations, and it was decided that the first step should be the erection of a new Parish Hall, at a cost of \$30,000.00. A canvass was started and was meeting with a very ready response when circumstances occurred which were to try the loyalty of the people almost to the breaking point.

In the Fall of 1918 a very serious influenza epidemic necessitated the closing of the schools and churches for several weeks. This made a bad break in our activities and delayed our plans for development. No sooner was this over than there came the fire which completely destroyed the Church and Parish Hall. The fire occurred three days before Christmas, and was almost in the nature of a catastrophe. Writing in the Parish Magazine of January, 1920, the Rector referred to the dear associations which the old church had for so many, and mentions with particular regret the destruction of so many memorials, including regimental colours and the Honour Roll of the Parish.

The situation was made still worse owing to the fact that the insurance carried was small, and was not even sufficient to meet the liabilities. It is not difficult to appreciate the feelings of a congregation which had to face the task of rebuilding with a considerable deficit at the very start. We were, however, greatly encouraged by the loyalty of our people and the kindness of the other churches. The First Presbyterian Church placed its building at our disposal, and the Christmas services of 1919 and 1920 were held there. For some weeks after the fire, services were held in one or two of the down-town theatres until a permanent place could be found. Eventually a lease was secured for the use of the basement of the Cattistock Block on Jasper Avenue. This was fitted up as a church, and for the next few years the congregation worshipped there. It was by no means an ideal situation, what with the noise of the street cars and the lack of air within. Plans were then made for the future, and some time was lost in negotiations with the Parish of Christ Church. It was thought that by the union of these two parishes and by the securing of a suitable site, a building programme could be launched which would be a credit to the Anglican Communion in the city. Unfortunately this was found impossible and the parishioners of All Saints decided to remain on the 103rd Street site and do the best they could under the circumstances.

A Congregational Meeting was called early in May, 1920, to consider proposed plans for the re-building of the church, and was well attended. Mr. H. J. Storey, Building Commissioner of the City School Board, who very kindly volunteered to prepare the provisional plans, was present and explained in detail the plan suggested. After some discussion it was moved by Mr. A. H. Petch, and seconded by Mr. F. Ford: "That the Vestry be authorized to canvass for sub-

scriptions for the building of a church on the 103rd Street site at an approximate cost of \$120,000, along the general lines of the plans submitted—and that the Vestry be instructed to build the crypt of the structure for use as a church as soon as, in its opinion, sufficient money is collected to justify the commencement of the building."

This resolution was passed unanimously, and the meeting was closed with the benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

Mr. F. Lowle was appointed chairman of the Campaign Committee, and with Mr. P. S. Bailey selected the other members. Mr. H. J. Voysey was appointed Secretary-Treasurer. The proposed building was to be carried out in a free treatment of the perpendicular Gothic from the designs prepared by Mr. Story, A.R.I.B.A., with the main features carried out in stone. The church was to have a seating accommodation of 850, including choir. The crypt, situated under the entire building, would provide a hall with gallery capable of seating 500 persons. The portion under the chancel being divided into two storeys, would provide kitchen, men's club room, boys' club, ladies' rest room, two vestries and two extra class rooms. Until the entire building was completed, the main hall would be used for church purposes, and later divided by movable screens so as to provide eight additional class rooms. The dimensions of the building were as follows: Length 145 feet, width at transepts 86 feet, height 32 feet, height of crypts 18 feet, height of tower 90 feet. Steam heating to be provided with a Plenum ventilating system.

During the following months a canvass of the parish was proceeded with, and the people responded generously, some \$50,000 being promised. It was decided to complete the crypt, and the work was commenced. Messrs. S. T. Lawrie and E. G. Sutherland were the Wardens during this time, and too much credit cannot be given them for the time and effort they gave in connection with the financing of the project. The Corner Stone of the new Church was laid on Saturday, September 17th, 1921, by the Right Rev. W. C. Pinkham, Bishop of Calgary, and the address delivered by the Right Rev. Bishop King, Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, London, England. There was a splendid attendance, including representatives of the Province, City, University and sister churches.

The Church was opened on Sunday, 20th November, 1921. The Rector, Reverend E. Pierce-Goulding, preached at both services and, in the afternoon, the Hon. Charles Stewart, Premier of the Province, gave a special address to the young people. The following Sunday the building was dedicated by the Right Rev. Henry Allen Gray, Bishop of Edmonton, who also preached.

For some time this crypt had to be used not only for

church services but for meeting of the organizations. Financial conditions were such that no further permanent building could be proceeded with, and it was then decided to build a parish hall at the rear of the church at a cost of approximately \$10,000. The plans were prepared by Mr. W. G. Blakey and proceeded with. Arrangements were made to mortgage the buildings for \$15,000, and a sinking fund created by taking out five policies of \$3,000 each on the lives of five of the young men of the parish. The payment of the interest and the premiums of these policies have made the work very difficult, when economic conditions have been anything but good for some years past.

A further step had to be taken to provide a rectory for the parish, and a property purchased on 99th Avenue at a cost of \$8,500.

In 1922 the Bishop, the Right Rev. H. A. Gray, attached a Canonry to the Rectorship of the Cathedral, and the Rector was installed on Sunday, September 10th, 1922.

During the past few years steady progress has been made, and all organizations are in a healthy condition. At the end of the year 1934 the assets of the Parish stood at approximately \$110,000.

The Right Rev. H. A. Gray resigned as Bishop in 1931, and at a special meeting of the Synod convened for the purpose, the Ven. Archdeacon Burgett was elected on the first ballot, and consecrated at All Saints Cathedral as the second Bishop of Edmonton, on Wednesday, January 13th, 1932.

The new Bishop, as Archdeacon, has been instrumental in completing the Endowment Fund for the Diocese, with the assistance of the M.S.C.C. and English Societies, and has also helped substantially in other ways. Since his election he has shown the same businesslike qualities and, although the Diocese has gone through the worst depression the West has ever known, it is still unburdened with Diocesan debt,—a position which few Western dioceses can claim.

The future of the Diocese and this Cathedral Church may have many difficulties to face; but difficulties have been overcome in the past and, with the help of Almighty God, will be overcome in the future.

Our hope and prayer is that under the guiding hand of God the traditions and loyalties of the past may be maintained, and that the congregation of All Saints may be able to complete the superstructure of a worthy Church on the splendid foundations already laid.

THE WILLING WORKERS

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ored to make itself of use to the Rector in the social life of the Parish.

In 1908 the Lenten Offerings of the members, amounting to over one hundred dollars, were set aside for a Memorial window. In 1920 this money was invested in Provincial Certificates and now amounts to about two hundred and seventy-three dollars, still growing and held in trust for a Memorial window to be placed in the Church in memory of those who, while with us on earth have helped to build.

In 1928 the proceeds of the Harvest Supper were used to start a Kitchen fund to assist the Vestry to enlarge the kitchen. This fund has been added to from time to time, and now amounts to \$249.00.

Amalgamation of the Willing Workers and Woman's Auxiliary was frequently discussed, but it was not until 1934 that the Willing Workers and Woman's Auxiliary became the Woman's Auxiliary of All Saints' Cathedral, which now carries on all Parochial and Missionary work.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF ALL SAINTS WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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Since then several members have been so honored by the Branch in recognition of faithful service in promoting the interests of the W.A.

The Girls' branch of the W.A. was organized in 1912 by Mrs. Melrose. This branch grew out of a Bible Class led by Mrs. Melrose. For many years these girls included in their work the care of the Altar and Altar linen, and some of these members are now in the Sanctuary Guild. They had a money pledge, contributed to relief work, and made a gift to the Church of a handsome silver Flagon.

The Junior Branch of the W.A. was organized in 1908. Mrs. Gifford was the first Superintendent—an office she held for many years. No history of All Saints W.A. would be complete without mention of the self-sacrificing work and effort of these young Juniors under their Superintendent. They raised money for a pledge, and prepared a full outfit of clothes for an Indian child each year. Besides, they gave two handsome gifts to the Church, a brass Altar desk, and one

of the Clergy desks and seat. They conferred a Life Membership on Mrs. Gifford.

The present branch of the Juniors, in addition to the money they raise for their pledge, are doing social service work, and are helping to furnish the Children's Corner in the Cathedral.

The Little Helpers' branch was organized many years ago. The members of this branch are the infants up to seven years of age. Their offerings are used to help in the work done by our missionaries among the children of the Orient in India and China.

In 1934 the W.A. and Willing Workers were amalgamated, and there is now a membership of over one hundred. Money is raised for Missions, the Parish, and Social Service, and all the members are happy in their work, striving to carry out the aim and object of the Society: "to Pray, Study, Work and Give."

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

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ing some very good material to work on, and he is still officiating as organist and choir-master.

It was in 1906, on the completion of the enlargement to the Church, that the choir was first robed. It seems strange today to hear that there was some slight objection amongst the ladies of the choir to wearing surplices, and even more to entering the church in procession; one or two members of

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the choir resigned, but there is little doubt that the "innovation" brought more gain than loss.

In the fall of that year a pipe-organ of quite beautiful tone and adequate power was installed and dedicated on September 23rd. Two months later the choir, now numbering forty voices, gave their first concert of secular music, and one feels inclined to mention that in the programme of their second concert, given in December, 1907, appear the names of two choristers who are still, after twenty-eight years' service, regular members of the choir—Miss K. Candy and Mr. Edward Ledgard. The choir by this time numbered forty-eight, and during the succeeding years steadily increased in numbers, for a period of many years seldom dropping below a membership of sixty. It is worth noting that, in the early months of 1906, the choir was at a very low ebb, and the vestry offered to engage a quartette of soloists; this offer the choir-master declined, and through all its years the choir has remained amateur in the very strictest sense; it has been blest, almost always, with soloists thoroughly capable of singing such music as occurred in the regular services, though, on probably less than half-a-dozen occasions, outside help has been obtained for the performance of larger works.

The choir has always taken a most active part in Competition Festival work. Besides competing at all but one of the festivals held in Edmonton, it has journeyed three times to Calgary and twice to Lethbridge, and records show a long list of rather outstanding successes.

In 1928 the "powers that be" decided that a "boys' choir" should be organized, and, on June 3rd (Trinity Sunday) the boys sang at their first service. A year later the membership reached its numerical peak, a photograph taken at the time showing a choir of fifty-eight adults and forty-two boys. Through its best years, the tenor and bass line owed much of its brilliance to the large number of men who had come with choir experience from the Old Country, while the ladies' voices have always been chosen for beauty of tone rather than for power. Today, while numerically the choir is considerably below the "hundred mark" of 1929, there is still the same beauty of tone as in its best days, and the addition of the boys' voices to those of the adults has in no way destroyed the blend of the full choir.

The fire of 1919 damaged the musical library pretty badly, but fortunately did not entirely destroy very much of the music, and while, owing to financial conditions, little has been added during the past eight or ten years, we possess a library which would be conservatively estimated at two thousand dollars.

Our present very small organ, while inadequate for

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One can scarcely close this brief account of the music of All Saints without mentioning two organization which have grown out of the needs of the choir: the first the "All Saints Choir Association" which came into being on Jan. 12, 1928, and the second, "The Choir-boys' Mothers' Association," which was formed in October, 1932. Both these groups, besides being of much value to the choir, give valuable assistance to the Church itself.

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